

REVIEWS OF BOOKS.

VON BERGMANN'S SURGERY: A System of Practical Surgery. By DRs. E. VON BERGMANN, of Berlin, P. VON BRUNS, of Tübingen, and J. VON MIKULICZ, of Breslau. Edited by WILLIAM T. BULL, M.D., Professor of Surgery in the College of Physicians and Surgeons (Columbia University), New York. Volumes IV and V. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co., 1904.

The previous volumes of this system of surgery have been reviewed in the ANNALS OF SURGERY.

Volume IV contains more of interest and importance than any of the other three volumes which have preceded it. Treating, as it does, of the surgical diseases of the alimentary tract, including hernia, it presents the views and teachings of some of the foremost surgical minds of Europe. One has but to note the authors of the various chapters to appreciate the worth of the volume. Malformations, Injuries and Diseases of the Oesophagus by v. Hacker and Lotheissen; those of the Stomach and Intestines by v. Mikulicz and Krausch; Injuries and Diseases of the Abdominal Wall by Steinthal; Injuries and Diseases of the Liver and Biliary Passages by Kehr; of the Pancreas by Korte; of Hernia by Graser; and Laparotomy by v. Mikulicz and Krausch.

Probably the most interesting chapters are those by v. Mikulicz and Professor Kehr, although the contributions of the others are by no means inferior. It is also to be noted that in this volume the names of the authors of the various chapters are given, an omission which somewhat detracted from the value of Volume II.

The translators have chosen a very pleasing method of pre-

senting the text of the various authors, eliminating the ego, and emphasizing the name of the author.

In the American edition the more important illustrations of our own authors have been freely drawn upon. Those of Huntington, Mayo, Finney, Stimson, Senn, Richardson, and others are found. The illustrations of gastrostomy are very good, and here, as in many other places, do away with a complicated description of the various operations for the same, whereby the meaning is made plain without much mental effort.

Volume V treats of the Surgery of the Pelvis and Genito-urinary Organs. Malformation, Injuries and Diseases of the Pelvis come from the pen of Steinthal; of the Urethra and Penis by Körte and Rammstedt; of the Kidneys and Ureter by Schede; of the Bladder and Prostate by Nitze and Sonnenburg; of the Scrotum, Testicles, etc., by v. Bramann.

The chapter on Diseases of the Prostate is not up to the standard of the other chapters by the same authors. This is probably due to the fact that the original was published before the recent advances in this branch of surgery took place. It is also indicative of the fact that the German surgeons have not been the pioneers in this work.

Volume V contains, in addition to its own special index, a general index. There is no section of the work devoted to Gynecology.

The translators are to be congratulated upon the success of their work, which has been accomplished so well.

The value of the work has increased with each volume, and completed forms a system not alone valuable to the student, but of encyclopædic interest to the specialist. Here are to be found in a comparatively small space the opinions of the leading German surgical authorities concisely and carefully stated, and revised and edited by an American surgeon whose judgment and experience have greatly increased the value of the original work.

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